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Education Committee
CT

Dear Members of the Education Committee, Committee,

As an advocate with Food Allergy Research & Education, I am writing to you to voice my support of HB 5452. The bill addresses important concerns regarding the safety of students, including allowing school transportation personnel to intervene in an allergic emergency, having the state update current school food allergy guidelines, and putting policies in place to keep food allergic students safely participating in culinary programs.

I am 11 years old. I am a 5th grader at Wesley Elementary School in Middletown. I do not take the bus to school because the bus drivers are not trained and do not carry epi pens.

An allergic reaction can escalate to anaphylaxis within minutes and, if left untreated, may cause death. Food allergy is the most common cause of anaphylaxis, but insect stings, medications and latex are other triggers

Epinephrine is the first-line treatment for anaphylaxis. It is safe and simple to administer.

Only 30 percent of reporting districts require bus drivers to have training in anaphylaxis and administering epinephrine.

For these reasons, I ask you to bring HB 5452 to a vote and vote YES.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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